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FEBRUARY

Did any of you happen to read the article in the Magazine section of the Deseret News on January 23, 1983, about Hitler's Treasure? World War II was just about over and several American soldiers were going through an official Nazi building in Munich, looking for souvenirs of the war. The building had been pretty well gone over, but one of the soldiers went down into the basement of the building. He said that there was two or three inches of water on the floor, because a water pipe had burst. In the water was a box everyone was using as a stepping stone to keep their feet dry. He gave it a kick and it broke open on one side. When he reached inside, he pulled out a box containing a gold watch with the initials 'A.H.' engraved on the back. He reached in again, and this time came out with a gold pistol with the same initials on it. He was excited about his treasures, but unaware of just how valuable they were. Next, he pulled out a black box. Inside were diamonds ranging in size from little ones all the way up to the size of quarters. In his excitement, he threw aside a leather bound book. He was looking for more promising treasures. It wasn't until later that he realized that the book had been a diary, Hitler's personal diary! He ran back to recover the precious memento, but someone had already taken it. There were many other wonderful, priceless items in the box; felt-wrapped mint condition ancient German gold and silver coins, an ornate blood-red flag with a large swastika, and a March 13, 1933 edition of Time Magazine which featured Adolph Hitler on it's cover.

In this box was a treasury of Hitler's most precious belongings, posed for a flight to Argentina, a flight he never took.

Although we may never find a treasure as valuable as this young soldier, we'll sure have a great time trying! Out there, somewhere, just waiting to be found, perhaps by you or me, are long-forgotten treasures from the past. Let's get going!!!

Lucas



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N U T S N E W S



Be sure to circle on your calendar Saturday, February 26th! This will be our first outing of the year, and we'll be heading for Camp Floyd! From 1858-1860, there were 7000 troupes stationed there. At that time, it was the third largest city in Utah. Of course, there were numerous saloons and gambling halls and Mormon Gold was used for currency! How would you like to dig up a bag filled with \$20.00 gold pieces?

We'll congregate at Dee's on 21st So. and Redwood Road between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. if you'd like to join us for breakfast. If not, be there by 9:00 and we'll head out together. Dress appropriately, it can get mighty COLD up there. For those who might want to come out later in the day, remember, our CB channel used on all our outings is "15".

Harry Campbell, our beloved founder, and author of our club's most prized possession, "Campbell's Tokens of Utah", will be at our February meeting on the 24th! He will be taking rubbings of any tokens that are unlisted, according to his book. If you have any that are not listed, or that you think he might be interested in, please bring them with you. Harry is hoping to publish a new, revised edition of his book in about nine months, and he's is to have it as current and complete as possible.

We'll all be looking forward to seeing you again, Be sure to bring Afton with you. By the way, if you have any news that would interest us from "Dixie", let us know. We wish you well in your new business. Our loss is certainly St. George's gain!

Thanks, also, Harry, for your generous donation of the W&M piece that was raffled off at our Christmas party.

At our January meeting, we held a secret ballot to decide whether or not to merge with U.L.A.T.C.C. The voting was close, but the majority voted against merging.

IMPORTANT!!! Frank Sommer, our Treasurer, will be collecting dues until the end of February. Remember, if you want to continue receiving your Token Hunter each month, you must be on our mailing list. Family memberships are still only \$12.50, and single memberships are just \$7.50 for the coming year. Invite your friends and relatives to join us at one of our meetings. Once they've been bitten by the bug, they'll be as excited as we are to get out and dig!

The secret's out!! In a few months the stork will be paying a visit to Randy and Kathy Meiser! Congratulations!! We're glad to hear that you've gone back to work, Randy. We're all real happy for you, Mr. President! Take good care of Kathy in her DELICATE condition; we need all the new members we can get!

If any of you have an idea for a guest speaker for one of our monthly meetings, or could contribute in any way to make our gathering more enjoyable, contact Pat Jividen.

TOP SECRET

TRADING!!! That is one of the things that we are really lacking in our monthly meetings. Half the fun of having tokens, coins, medallions, etc. is trading them. Bring your traders to each meeting and we'll all profit by it!

At the last U.N.S. meeting, lucky Cliff Zimmerman walked away with three prizes! Of course, no one was the least bit surprised when JoAnn Rogers won the promptness prize. I've never met anyone so lucky!!

If any of you have something of interest that you would like to share with our readers, please let me know. After all, this is your newsletter, and we want to know all about what you've been doing, what interesting things you've found, and what you're planning for the future. Write or phone me at my home.

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Looking ahead, we're planning a trip to Homansville in March, and over the Memorial Day Weekend, we're joining the Gold Bugs for an outing to Kelton, Terrace, and Watercress. Make arrangements now so that you can go with us. The more, the merrier!!

One of our members, Don Grossaint, recently wrote this article for Gold Bug's "Treasure Express". It was so cleverly written, that I wanted to share it with you.

Lucky Edna went metal detecting at her son, Terry's and found a 1918 walking half on Saturday. That was the first case of the fever for the new year. It spread very rapidly. Her husband, Don, George and JoAnn Rogers, and Steve and Joella Martin all came down with it on Sunday. The only known cure for it is fresh air and mud or dirt on your hands and knees. So off to Pioneer Park they all went with their metal detectors. Metal detectors are also part of the cure. There is something about the buzzing in your ears from the metal detectors that is also part of the cure. The ground was frozen and muddy at the same time. Jo Ann was the only one that found any coins, about eight new ones, total. As cold as it was, it didn't take long before we were all starting to feel better. The rest of us all found our share of wine bottle caps and pull tabs.

We were not completely cured. We decided to go out to the Great Salt Lake Beaches. When we got there, they were under water. We stopped at the marina and talked a while and got cold.

George and JoAnn invited us for coffee. Had a wonderful gab session. You may think we're all crazy metal detecting in January, but we all had a good time.

Don G.

At our March meeting we will held our 2nd annual collectable show. Bring anything that you have collected and put it on display. Ribbons will be awarded to the best collections.



Bruce Robinson has a fine talent for writing. Recently, he sent me this article to put in our bulletin. After reading it I'm sure you'll agree.



METAL DETECTORITIS
(Scientific Name: Badus Springae Feveritis)

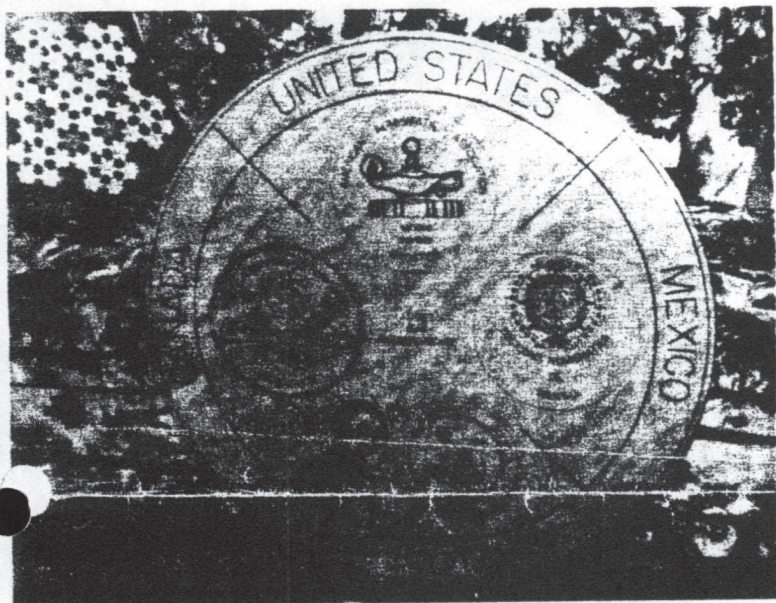
- SYMPTOMS:** Victim stares our windows with eyes that are glazed over. Victim's only response to questions directed to him is, "Beep-beep-beep". If victim's symptoms have progressed to the point that he has clean fingernails, immediate treatment is necessary!
- FIRST AID:** Let patient go out with a metal detector. This is only a temporary cure and symptoms will re-appear within a year.
- PERMANENT CURE:** There are several cures, and in severe cases, every cure may need to be used.
1. Take victim 60 miles from the nearest town. Direct him to hike with metal detector, (the heavier, the better), 10 miles over rocks, steep grades, and cactus thorns, to never before searched ghost town. (Don't tell patient that the batteries in his detector are dead).
 2. Tell patient about good area to search to find many pre-1900 gold and silver coins. Take patient to spot and see many people swinging detectors. Make sure patient notices the people are smiling and that their pockets are bulging. "Accidentally" break the on-off switch as you hand the detector to patient. (You might also be advised to wear a hard hat while helping with this cure!!)
 3. Give patient treasure map to buried cache of gold coins. Patient will follow map and find a new high-rise apartment building has been constructed on top of hiding place.
 4. Supply patient with a lead to Mormon Gold coin cache. Patient will then spend several months (and hundreds of hours) researching, verifying, and pin-pointing location. Two days prior to patient recovering cache, have a fellow N.U.T.S. member tell how he accidentally found this cache of Mormon Gold coins while digging worms for a fishing trip.

If the ~~fore~~-mentioned cures fail to produce any positive results, the malady has progressed beyond the stage of being treatable, (without moving to a warmer climate!) All you can do in this case is hope for an early spring thaw and apply the previously mentioned first aid.

On Saturday, February 12, Harold Franke and his son Steven decided to try their luck shooting for coins out on the west side of town. They started at Pioneer Park, and had very little luck, so they moved on until they found an old neighborhood where some homes had been torn down. It wasn't long before Harold, or Hank, as he likes to be called, dug an 1892 Indian head penny. No sooner had he put it in his pocket than Steven came running over with a huge grin on his face. He handed his dad a Joe Green Tavern token! They can hardly wait to go back and go over that piece of ground again!

Harold Franke has checked out most of the coin dealers in the area, and has also shopped around at the swap-meet several times. In each case, the dealers told him that the demand for tokens outweighs the demand for coins in Utah at this time. I find this very interesting and thought you would also.

Thank you, Richard Blaylock, for donating the Coin Week Booster badge that we raffled off at our January meeting. Your enthusiasm adds a great deal to our meetings!



Speaking of National Coin Week, Richard Blaylock and his son, John, made a large 3" in diameter wooden nickel. On it are listed in four sections, the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Utah, and the names of each of their Numismatic societies. On the back of the huge wooden nickel will be a list of names of people who say that they are "Coin Week Boosters". If you want to have your name added to the list, all you have to do is send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your name, to Richard Blaylock, 3625 Adams South Ogden, Utah 84403



The large wooden nickel will be on display at the coin show in Ogden, April 22, 23, 24 at the Holiday Inn.

Pictured on the left are John Blaylock, Richard's wife, Aloma, their daughter, Kim, and her friend, Heather Doman.

Idaho Falls will be hosting a coin show in March. There will be more details on both coin shows in the March bulletin.

This year, National Coin Week will be celebrated from April 17-23, 1983.

DON'T FORGET YOUR YEARLY DUES!! To renew by mail, send check or money order payable to National Utah Token Society, P.O. Box 510392 Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Or bring it with you to the meeting!!